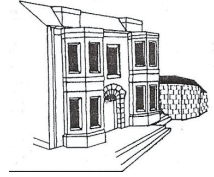


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We are now half way through the summer holidays and everything seems to go so fast these days. The centre has been busy over the summer break, for us it is back to planning for the new session.

Line Dancing – Monday nights at 6pm and 7pm and Fridays from 11am-12 noon. These classes are very popular – New dancers always welcomed.

Fishies – The staff will be welcoming new starts from 22 months. Session places are being snapped up, so be quick and get your application in for Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Boogie Club – We hope to restart as soon after the summer as we can. Look out for the starting date. All welcome.

Alzheimers & Dementia Support Group – We are still in the planning stages with this group but if you know of anyone who might benefit from it please get in touch with the Centre for more information.

Gardening Club – Meetings are held, when Jim Henderson is on hand for advice at 1.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Hands-on workshops for all ‘budding’ gardeners. Restarting 9th September.

Women’s Circle – A great way to spend a couple of hours, the second Tuesday of every month from 2.15pm-4pm. The mystery bus tour in June was enjoyed by all and we had a lovely afternoon tea at Brechin Castle Garden Centre. New programme starts 11th August with a Floral Art demonstration.

Parent & Toddler – This group has now started and meet from 2pm-4pm on Friday afternoon. £1 per session.

Mums & Babies – Our parent and baby group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9.15am – ALL WELCOME.

Mini Kickers – Still waiting for final details from Aberdeen Football Club. They will have places for kids from 3 years and 4 years from 9.30am and 10.30am on Thursday mornings.

Guitar Tuition – We now have names for this activity for musically minded children from 7 years old. Please note your interest and further information will be available from the office.

Summer Playscheme – We have had a busy time with the activities. The Hannah Montana Sessions were really popular and the children loved all the craft activities. The outings proved a great success and the morning at Loch of Loirston provided lots of interesting activities. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out and made it such a huge success.

New groups – We are organising new groups for the winter and so far we are planning for KOOL KIDZ which is a group for 8-11 year olds and this is about redesigning items of clothing which you have grown out of. It will be in blocks of 4-6 weeks and details will be given later.

We are still trying to get a **MEN'S GROUP** together where the male members of the community can enjoy a talk or visit once a month. So gentlemen let us know if you have any thoughts or ideas.

Patchwork – This still has to be decided on and we need names of those interested.

Older People's Festival – will take place at the end of September and we will have a varied programme during these three weeks. Watch the local shops and outlets for details.

There is lots planned for the next year but we welcome any suggestions or queries about activities and if we can start them we will.

Vandalism – We have been disappointed at the damage done to our centre and Minibus this year. As a result the older members of our centre and the children have been penalised when our minibus was unable to be used. We hope that security will be improved and that the persons responsible will have a little more respect for people's property.

Information – All our Centre Groups, PEBBLES PLAYGROUP, RISING 5'S, CHEERLEADING, BADMINTON, BOWLING, BINGO, TAXI SCHOOL, DANCING etc, are open to new members and we can forward our programme sheet to anyone interested in attending, assisting at, or running any of our existing groups.

Altens and Cove Information Day – Watch out for further information in the local press.

Thank you for all your support over the past and we look forward to running another successful year at the Centre.